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1. The Galati Fluvial Marine Cooperative (Cooperativa Fluviala a Marinarilor) is making camouflage nets two by four and four by six meters to cover tanks and guns. They are also making rope to be used for pontoons. Twenty-four large nets and 72 small nets are made daily. These nets are sent to the Ministry of War.
2. Many Soviet troops, trucks, and tanks were seen coming through Galati from Remi and headed in the direction of Bucharest. New arrivals came about every five days to Galati to replace units which had moved toward Bucharest. Some Soviet troops were seen en route from Galati toward Braila. During November 1950 Soviet troops and equipment including tanks were seen on Calea Braila boarding trains at the Barbosi station. The trains were headed for Olteni\* and Timisoara.
3. Soviet single and bi-motor planes passed over Galati in groups of 30 daily flying toward Bucharest. Pontoons were observed on trucks as well as on amphibious cars passing through Galati during mid-November 1950. They were en route to the Moldova and Muntenia provinces.
4. Many anti-aircraft guns were emplaced in Galati on Calea Traian in front of the Soviet military hospital.
5. During November 1950 every two or three nights Soviet troops, tanks, and guns passed through Braila in the direction of Bucharest. About twenty Stalinets tanks were seen on each occasion each armed with 50 mm. guns.
6. The former Braila Rumanian barracks are now occupied by about five thousand Soviet troops.
7. The Ianca airfield was cleared in November 1950 and cement runways and hangars are now under construction. The Ianca airfield is now scheduled to be finished by March 1951.
8. A Soviet tank repair shop consisting of four garages are located at Radu Negru.
9. A Soviet radio station with 25 personnel is located at the village of Movila Miresei, 40 kilometers north of Braila. A Soviet tank regiment consisting of

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70 tanks is also located at Movila Miresed.

10. At present homes in Braila are being requisitioned, although no unusual troop movements or influx has been noted.

11. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

large concentration of Soviet Naval personnel in Budapest, Hungary. [redacted] also [redacted] "warships" on the Danube River (18 to 30 meters long). [redacted] observation towers are located outside of Braila about six kilometers from Lacul Sarat. Reportedly, there is much Soviet troop activity on the outskirts of Braila and Galati, but no specific information is available. 50X1-HUM

12. About three kilometers outside of Tulcea a new airfield is under construction by a Rumanian firm. Construction of this airfield was started during the summer of 1950.

13. Reportedly, there are few Soviet troops in Tulcea.

14. A military depot for repair machinery and stores of military equipment and mines are located at Gaesti in the Dambovita District. Some mines were removed in September 1950 and sent toward the Banat area and Turnu Severin.

15. A pipeline for refined aviation gasoline runs from Moreni to Galati-Reni. A pipeline between Ploesti and Galati broke in April 1950, and large quantities of oil were lost. A Soviet citizen by the name of Nazarov is the director of the Moreni oil district.

16. A large oil laboratory for drilling experiments is located at Gara Ocnitel.

17. Reportedly, there are no Soviet troops in Sinaia.

18. Reportedly, there are few Soviet troops in Targoviste, but in October 1950 many of these troops were en route to the Banat area. An ammunition and tank repair factory (3,000 employees) is located at Targoviste. This factory is expanding and works in three shifts. [redacted]

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19. About one thousand Sovrompetrol oil derricks are located between Moreni and Baicoi. These oil derricks are protected by Soviet and Rumanian guards. Oil is transported daily by 500 tanks to Constanta. Most of the oil shipped is refined, some crude oil. There are 30 oil tank reservoirs in a forested mountain area near the village of Pietrosita, which is about two hours by train from Targoviste. These oil tanks are guarded by Rumanian soldiers.

20. Homes have recently been evacuated in Giurgiu. During the end of November 1950 Soviet troop movements were noted at night from Bucharest, through Giurgiu, to Ruse in Bulgaria. No similar movements were noted during mid-November.

21. Reportedly, no Soviet troops have been seen in Sulina.

22. Isolated resistance groups are located at Baia Mare in Transylvania. Frontier Militia units go into the hills almost every night, but no gunfire has ever been heard. At Cluj, Transylvania, a large letter "E"\*\*\* was marked on the walls and houses.

[redacted] Comment: There are at least 12 localities in Rumania with the name of Otteni.

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\*\* [redacted] Comment: The letter "E" probably stands for the Rumanian word eliberare which means freedom. [redacted]

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